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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1 1. (Currently Amended) A method of data distribution
2 preserving rights of a remote party comprising the steps of:

3 an authorized user locally transmitting data to ~~new-user~~ a
4 receiver; and

5 following said locally transmitting step, authorizing the
6 receiver's use of the data by a trusted agent.

1 2. (Currently Amended) A method of data distribution
2 preserving rights of a remote party comprising the steps of:

3 an authorized user locally transmitting the data to an
4 unauthorized receiver; and

5 following said locally transmitting step, the unauthorized
6 receiver contacting a trusted authorizing agent before the full
7 utility of the data is made available to the receiver.

1 3. (Currently Amended) A method of data distribution
2 preserving rights of a remote party comprising the steps of:

3 ~~the~~ a sender choosing an encryption key for ~~the~~ a receiver's
4 use;

5 the sender encrypting the data using the encryption key;

6 the sender encrypting the encryption key using a public
7 encryption key of a trusted agent;

8 the sender locally transmitting both the encrypted data and
9 the encrypted key to the receiver;

10 following said locally transmitting step, the receiver and the
11 trusted agent negotiating licensing and payment for the data;

12 following said locally transmitting step, the receiver
13 transmitting the encrypted key to ~~the~~ a trusted agent;

14 following said locally transmitting step, the trusted agent
15 decrypting the encryption key; and

16 following said locally transmitting step, the trusted agent
17 sending the decrypted encryption key to the receiver to receive the
18 full data.

1 4. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 3 including the
2 further step of;

3 the receiver choosing a new encryption key unknown to the
4 sender and encrypting the data with the new encryption key.

1 5. (Currently Amended) A method of data distribution
2 preserving rights of a remote party comprising the steps of:

3 ~~the~~ a receiver negotiating licensing and payment with a
4 trusted agent;

5 the trusted agent transmitting a ticket to a receiver;

6 ~~the~~ a sender interrogating the receiver to determine if the
7 ticket is valid and halts if not;

8 if the ticket is valid, the sender locally transmitting the
9 un-encrypted data to the receiver.

1 6. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 5 including the
2 step of;

3 the receiver chooses a key and encrypts the data.

1 7. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein:

2 said step of locally transmitting data includes directly
3 connecting an apparatus of the authorized user to an apparatus of
4 the receiver.

1 8. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein:
2 said step of locally transmitting data includes employing a
3 local connection having a first bandwidth; and
4 said step of authorizing includes employing a network having a
5 second bandwidth less than said first bandwidth.

1 9. (New) The method of Claim 2, wherein:
2 said step of locally transmitting data includes directly
3 connecting an apparatus of the authorized user to an apparatus of
4 the unauthorized receiver.

1 10. (New) The method of Claim 2, wherein:
2 said step of locally transmitting data includes employing a
3 local connection having a first bandwidth; and
4 said step of contacting the trusted authorizing agent includes
5 employing a network having a second bandwidth less than said first
6 bandwidth.

1 11. (New) The method of Claim 2, further comprising the steps
2 of:
3 employing the data at the unauthorized receiver with reduced
4 utility following said step of locally transmitting the data and
5 before said step of contacting the trusted authorizing agent; and
6 employing the data at the unauthorized receiver with full
7 utility following said step of locally transmitting the data and
8 said step of contacting the trusted authorizing agent.

1 12. (New) The method of Claim 11, wherein:
2 the data is musical data; and
3 said step of employing the data with reduced utility includes
4 playing the musical data with reduced audio quality.

1 13. (New) The method of Claim 3, wherein:
2 said step of locally transmitting both the encrypted data and
3 the encrypted key includes directly connecting an apparatus of the
4 sender to an apparatus of the receiver.

1 14. (New) The method of Claim 3, wherein:
2 said step of locally transmitting both the encrypted data and
3 the encrypted key includes employing a local connection having a
4 first bandwidth; and
5 said steps the receiver transmitting the encrypted key to the
6 trusted agent and the trusted agent sending the decrypted
7 encryption key to the receiver both include employing a network
8 having a second bandwidth less than said first bandwidth.

1 15. (New) The method of Claim 5, wherein:
2 said steps of the sender interrogating the receiver and the
3 sender transmitting un-encrypted data to the receiver both include
4 directly connecting an apparatus of the sender to an apparatus of
5 the receiver.

1 16. (New) The method of Claim 5, wherein:
2 said steps of the sender interrogating the receiver and the
3 sender transmitting un-encrypted data to the receiver both include
4 employing a local connection having a first bandwidth; and
5 said steps of the receiver negotiating licensing and payment
6 with the trusted agent and the trusted agent transmitting a ticket
7 to the receiver both include employing a network having a second
8 bandwidth less than said first bandwidth.

1 17. (New) The method of Claim 5, wherein:
2 said steps of the receiver negotiating licensing and payment
3 with the trusted agent and the trusted agent transmitting a ticket

4 to the receiver occur simultaneously for a plurality of tickets;
5 and
6 said steps of the sender interrogating the receiver and the
7 sender locally transmitting the un-encrypted data to the receiver
8 occur for a single ticket and corresponding data at a time.